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- The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

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Director,  
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The amendment filed on 7-1-04 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- entered.  
 entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).  
 disapproved. See explanation below.  
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